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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: BRIJ MOHAN TOOFAN

1. BRIJ MOHAN TOOFAN, PRESIDENT OF THE DELHI STATE BRANCH OF THE HMS (ONE OF INDIA'S TWO ICFTU AFFILIATES), PRESIDENT OF DELHI BUILDING WORKERS UNION AND JOINT SECRETARY OF THE ALL INDIA SOCIALIST PARTY EXPECTS TO BE IN THE US ON PRIVATE VISIT FROM APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 15.
2. TOOFAN HAS BEEN WELL KNOWN IN TRADE UNION AND SOCIALIST PARTY CIRCLES IN INDIA FOR MANY YEARS. HE HAS BEEN FAVORABLY KNOWN FOR SOME YEARS TO THE EMBASSY WITH WHICH HE HAS MAINTAINED VERY FRIENDLY RELATIONS. HE IS A STUDENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY INDO-US RELATIONS. PREVIOUSLY HE HAS BEEN IN THE US FROM MARCH 1958 TO JULY 1959 ON AN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION GRANT AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON PRIVATE VISITS IN 1966 (SIX WEEKS) AND 1969 (FOUR MONTHS).
3. TOOFAN HAS NO FIRM ITINERARY AND IS FLEXIBLE ON PROGRAMMING. ON THIS VISIT HIS PRIMARY INTEREST IS TO STUDY THE PARTICIPATION OF TRADE UNIONS IN NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS AND THE POLITICAL ROLE OF TRADE UNIONS IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET OFFICIALS OF THE AFL-CIO AND ITS AFFILIATES, OF INDEPENDENT UNIONS AND OF POLITICAL PARTIES, AS WELL AS POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTIES FOR DISCUSSIONS. HE HAS MET MEMBERS OF THE AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL

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DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY AND WOULD LIKE TO RENEW THEIR ACQUAINT-

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4. TOOFAN IS PREPARED TO LECTURE BEFORE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER GROUPS ON TRENDS IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ON A COMPARISON OF DEMOCRATIC FORMS IN INDIA WITH THOSE IN THE WEST. IF HONORARIA ARE AVAILABLE, THEY WILL HELP HIM COVER HIS EXPENSES. HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HOME HOSPITALITY AS AVAILABLE. HE WOULD PREFER TO CONCENTRATE HIS PROGRAM IN SINGLE REGION (POSSIBLY EAST COAST) TO MINIMIZE TRAVEL COSTS.

5. TOOFAN CAN BE REACHED SEPTEMBER 15 TO 20 C/O S.J. SEKHRI (NEPHEW), ROAD 2, BOX 518G, SAUGERTIES, NY 12477, TELEPHONE (914)246-8456. HE EXPECTS TO BE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA ABOUT SEPTEMBER 24 FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED C/O M.M. SEKHRI (BROTHER), 5305 BENGAL DRIVE, KENSINGTON, MD. (PHONE NUMBER NOT KNOWN).

6. TOOFAN STATES HE WILL FIT HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS INTO PROGRAM DEPARTMENT ARRANGES.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.MOYNIHAN

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